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SICK HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some hydro-power projects in the country are in a sick state;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the hydro-power generation potential of these sick projects;

(d) whether the Government propose to install new hydro-power projects in Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : At present there are 251 hydro power stations (each with the installed capacity of more than 3 MW) in the country. Hydro power stations in general are operating satisfactorily. However, generation at Kosi Canal PH (20 MW) in Bihar is very low due to siltation. The main reason for low generation is heavy siltation and accumulation of sand in the downstream canal (upto 13 to 14 Ft. above normal level). The cleaning of canals, which comes under the purview of Government of Bihar, may help in improving the power generation at Kosi Hydro-electric Station.

(d) : There is no proposal to install any hydro power project in Bihar with installed capacity of 25 MW or above.

(e) : Does not arise.